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## Purple L & N Bridge Construction at Riverfront Pedestrian Gateway Begins Monday

**WHAT/WHEN:** As part of the City of Cincinnati's ongoing commitment to enhance the pedestrian experience on the purple L & N Bridge, construction of a new gateway structure on L & N Bridge approach ramp will begin Monday, August 9, 2004. Visitors through the bridge's entry portal will pass under brilliant white lights strung overhead. Tall, exotic bamboo planters will line one side of the entrance, and a sign and map will help visitors find area attractions.

"The L & N Bridge project is one more addition to the rebirth of the riverfront. Like the stadiums, Freedom Center, and eventually the Banks project, the bridge can support the energy of the city's core and build a sense of enthusiasm among the region's citizens," said Mayor Charlie Luken. "Ultimately, this simple bridge infrastructure will help thousands of people enjoy the offerings on the central riverfront."

Crews will also construct light fixtures and signage over Butler Street. Construction limits for the L & N Bridge approach ramp and Butler Street will extend from the south sidewalk on Pete Rose Way to 150 feet south. The contractor, Prus Construction Company, will finish the project by the end of November.

The project is funded and sponsored through the City of Cincinnati and \$238,749 in transportation enhancement grant assistance from the Ohio Department of Transportation and administered through the Ohio-Kentucky-

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Indiana Regional Council of Governments. The City of Newport, Kentucky, and Southbank Partners, a not-for-profit development corporation, own and operate the bridge.

**WHERE:** L & N Bridge approach ramp and Butler Street south of Pete Rose Way.

**TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:**

**L & N Bridge:**

The L & N Bridge approach ramp from Kentucky to Pete Rose Way will be open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. However, the contractor will maintain a safe 12-foot wide travel path within the construction limits. Intermittent closures of the construction area may occur, limiting pedestrian access to the stairway at the overlook near the Ohio River.

**Butler Street:**

The contractor may periodically close the roadway and sidewalks within the construction limits, but will maintain access between Sawyer Point and the Serpentine Wall during special events.

**Pete Rose Way:**

The contractor will make the entire roadway open and available to traffic between the hours of 6:00-9:00 AM and 4:00-6:00 PM Monday through Friday, and two hours before and one hour after events at the Great American Ball Park, Paul Brown Stadium, and the U.S. Bank Arena, or any special event approved by the City of Cincinnati.

If necessary, the contractor may close the entire roadway on a weekend free of any events. He will post signed vehicle and pedestrian detour routes.

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